

Table 30. Leading Suppliers of Natural Gas Sold to Commercial Consumers in the United States, 1997
(Volumes in Thousand Cubic Feet, Prices in Dollars per Thousand Cubic Feet)

Company	State	Volume	Price
Con Edison Co. of New York Inc.....	NY	88,830,005	5.25
Pub Svc Elec and Gas Co.....	NJ	70,705,783	5.28
Columbia Gas Dist Co.....	OH,KY,PA,MD	63,746,659	7.11
Southern California Gas Co.....	CA	57,000,043	6.63
Minnegasco.....	MN	55,213,151	4.69
Pacific Gas and Elec Co.....	CA	54,854,821	6.15
Entex Div of Noram Energy Corp.....	LA,MS,TX	51,551,370	5.31
Consumers Pwr Co.....	MI	50,657,354	4.44
Michigan Consol Gas Co.....	MI	50,589,626	5.55
Northern Illinois Gas Co.....	IL	47,159,304	5.26
Pub Svc Co. of Colorado.....	CO	46,479,502	3.88
East Ohio Gas Co.....	OH	41,561,614	5.92
Atlanta Gas Lt Co.....	GA	41,341,668	6.48
Lone Star Gas Co.....	TX	37,336,458	5.34
Washington Gas Lt Co.....	DC,VA,MD	36,388,903	6.56
MidAmerican Energy Co.....	NE,IA,SD,IL	31,238,096	4.91
Southwest Gas Corp.....	NV,CA,AZ	30,898,860	5.30
Peoples Nat Gas Co.....	NE,SD,KS,IA,CO,MN,PA	29,896,501	5.62
Oklahoma Nat Gas Co.....	OK	29,389,914	5.31
Northern Indiana Pub Svc Co.....	IN	28,405,690	5.03
Arkla A Noram Energy Co.....	OK,AR,LA,TX	27,115,724	5.69
Mountain Fuel Sply Co.....	WY,ID,UT	27,034,169	3.90
Northern States Pwr Co.....	ND,WI,MI,MN	26,773,740	5.12
Boston Gas Co.....	MA	26,374,294	7.20
Long Island Ltg Co.....	NY	25,416,389	7.52
Brooklyn Union Gas Co.....	NY	23,306,715	7.90
Puget Sound Energy.....	WA	22,696,413	4.94
Wisconsin Gas Co.....	WI	21,897,427	5.29
Northwest Nat Gas Co.....	OR,WA	21,873,960	4.61
Laclede Gas Co.....	MO	21,855,529	5.83
Natl Fuel Gas Distr.....	PA,NY	21,683,441	7.47
Niagara Mohawk Pwr Corp.....	NY	21,584,628	6.87
Wisconsin Elec Pwr Co.....	WI	20,830,653	5.63
Southern Union Co.....	MO	20,074,521	5.97
Peoples Gas Lt and Coke Co.....	IL	19,869,520	6.14
Piedmont Nat Gas Co.....	SC,NC	19,728,728	7.03
Peco Energy Co.....	PA	19,429,080	7.30
Peoples Gas Sys Inc.....	FL	18,950,426	6.68
Cincinnati Gas and Elec Co.....	OH	18,398,528	6.30
Indiana Gas Co. Inc.....	IN	17,700,479	6.64
Kansas Gas Svs Co.....	KS,OK	16,877,535	5.95
Illinois Pwr Co.....	IL	16,681,659	4.93
Baltimore Gas and Elec Co.....	MD	16,372,781	6.66
Citizens Gas and Coke Util.....	IN	15,256,288	4.85
United Cities Gas Co.....	TN,VA,KS,SC,IL,IA,GA	14,967,109	6.29
Commonwealth Gas Co.....	MA	14,858,806	6.61
Philadelphia Gas Wks.....	PA	14,758,086	7.49
Pnm Gas Services.....	NM	14,694,574	4.46
Connecticut Nat Gas Corp.....	CT	14,358,795	5.86
Memphis Lt Gas and Wtr.....	TN	13,833,019	5.04

Notes: Natural gas companies with the 50 largest amounts of on-system sales to commercial consumers were selected from the respondents to the Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition." Prices are calculated from the company total reported volumes of on-system sales to commercial consumers and the total reported associated revenue. When more than one State of operation is indicated, the price has been calculated from the sum of the volumes and revenues re-

ported by the company for all of the States shown. Beginning in 1996, consumption of natural gas for agricultural use was classified as industrial use. In 1995 and earlier years, agricultural use was classified as commercial use.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Form EIA-176, "Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition."